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1. On 19 October 1953, 12 employees of Bau Union Potsdam were ordered by Herr Rontke (fnu), second chairman of the Shop Trade Union management to recruit employees of the Bau Union for the KVP. The employees referred to above were given a list of all personnel of the enterprise who were from 18 to 45 years old.

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2. On 27 October, the recruiting agents of Bau Union Potsdam conferred with three KVP senior lieutenants. One of the lieutenants stated that until 30 November, conferences would be held on each Tuesday and Friday. At these conferences each of the recruiting agents would be given the names of four persons whom he had to recruit for the KVP. The recruiting agents were ordered to report the reaction of the candidates approached. Persons who declared ready to join the KVP would be contacted by the KVP officers. Candidates for the KVP had to sign up for three years. Newly engaged personnel would be given the rank they previously had in the German army. The same applies to technical personnel.

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3. [redacted] the SED house representatives, the so-called Hausvertrauensleute were ordered at a meeting in Pankow to draw up lists of young men living in their houses who were suited for service with the KVP.

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4. [redacted] the recruiting among FDJ members for a 6-month KVP training course has recently been conducted by the KVP recruiting offices (Registrierabteilungen). The KVP recruiting office in Meiningen was headed by Major Minschke (fau). One Lieutenant Hesse (fnu) was also assigned to this agency.

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the KVP. Only young men from 18 to 25 years old were eligible for the KVP. Special bonuses <sup>were</sup> given to recruiting agents to improve the results of the recruiting campaign.

6. In early November, Lieutenant Colonel Fluhr (fnu) was chief of the KVP Bezirk recruiting office in Schwerin. Former German army Colonel Giesecke (fnu) was also assigned to this office.

25X1 [ ] Comment. The report supplements and confirms previous information  
25X1 on recruiting activities for the VP. [ ]  
25X1 [ ] Prior to late 1952, Lieutenant  
Colonel Fluhr had been commanding officer of KVPD 2247 in Gera, a cadre  
unit.

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